

COMMANDER'S HOUSE, OLD SAN ANTONIO ARSENAL

San Antonio, Texas



Built circa 1883, the Commander's House served as living quarters for the Commanding Officer of the Texas Arsenal until 1947. After the Commander's House was no longer used by the Federal Government, it was declared surplus property. In 1972, the Federal Lands to Parks Program transferred the historic site to the City of San Antonio Department of Parks and Recreation for public use. The Commander's House and surrounding 2.29-acre grounds provide a green space for the entire community. The Commander's House has served as a popular Senior Citizen's Community Center since 1978. The Community Center is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for seniors by providing activities, programs, special events, and low-cost meals to seniors in the greater San Antonio community. Through innovative partnering with local businesses, the Center provides computer, driving, art, music, dance, and pottery classes. Seniors can broaden their horizons by learning to paint, playing guitar, or taking ballroom dancing lessons. Special events and activities range from bunco marathons to travel club excursions. Community volunteers provide educational and recreational activities, providing a mutual learning experience by allowing interaction between seniors and other community members.

